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URGENT*****VIETNAMESE

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UNITED NATIONS, AUG 20, REUTER - NEWLY-UNIFIED VIETNAM
TODAY APPLIED FOR MEMBERSHIP OF THE UNITED NATIONS.

THE SEPARATE APPLICATIONS OF NORTH AND SOUTH VIETNAM WERE
TWICE VETOED BY THE UNITED STATES A YEAR AGO WHEN THE SECURITY
COUNCIL REFUSED TO TAKE UP THE APPLICATION OF SOUTH KOREA.

IT WAS NOT KNOWN IMMEDIATELY WHETHER THE UNITED STATES
WOULD BLOCK THE NEW VIETNAMESE APPLICATION.
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VIETNAMESE 2 UNITED NATIONS

THE FORMAL LETTER OF APPLICATION WAS SUBMITTED TODAY TO
SECRETARY-GENERAL KURT WALDHEIM BY MR. DINH BA THI, THE
PERMANENT OBSERVER OF VIETNAM.

IN A STATEMENT TO THE PRESS, MR. THI SAID THE VIETNAMESE
PEOPLE HAD GONE THROUGH 30 YEARS OF ARDUOUS STRUGGLE TO REGAIN
INDEPENDENCE AND FREEDOM.

"NOW, WITH THE ACCOMPLISHMENT OF THEIR INDEPENDENCE AND
REUNIFICATION, THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM AND THE
VIETNAMESE PEOPLE WISH TO JOIN THE UNITED NATIONS SO AS TO MAKE
EFFORTS TOGETHER WITH OTHER NATIONS IN THE STRUGGLE FOR PEACE
AND INTERNATIONAL SECURITY, AND FOR INDEPENDENCE AND
SOVEREIGNTY OF ALL NATIONS AS HAVE BEEN POINTED OUT BY THE
CHARTER OF THE UNITED NATIONS," THE STATEMENT SAID.

IT NOTED THAT, AFTER THE AMERICAN VETOES, THE U.N. GENERAL
ASSEMBLY STRONGLY SUPPORTED BY A LARGE MAJORITY LAST YEAR THE
ADMISSION OF VIETNAM TO THE U.N.

"NO DOUBT, THIS YEAR AFTER THE REUNIFICATION OF VIETNAM,
THE APPLICATION OF THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM WILL ENJOY
THE SAME SUPPORT," THE PRESS STATEMENT SAID.

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VIETNAMESE 3 UNITED NATIONS

AN APPLICATION FOR U.N. MEMBERSHIP MUST BE CONSIDERED AND
APPROVED BY THE SECURITY COUNCIL BEFORE THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,
WHICH OPENS ON SEPTEMBER 21, MAY VOTE A STATE INTO THE WORLD
BODY.

THE ONLY SUCH APPLICATION APPROVED SO FAR THIS YEAR IS THAT
OF THE INDIAN OCEAN ISLAND GROUP OF THE SEYCHELLES, WHICH
OBTAINED INDEPENDENCE FROM BRITAIN IN JUNE AND LAST MONDAY
RECEIVED THE COUNCIL'S UNANIMOUS ENDORSEMENT.

ANGOLA HAS APPLIED, BUT WAS VETOED BY THE UNITED STATES
WHICH QUESTIONED WHETHER THE FORMER PORTUGUESE COLONY WAS A
TRULY INDEPENDENT STATE SINCE ITS GOVERNMENT HAD BEEN
ESTABLISHED WITH THE SUPPORT OF CUBAN TROOPS AND SOVIET AID.

THERE HAS BEEN SPECULATION THAT THE ANGOLANS MAY RENEW
THEIR APPLICATION BEFORE THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IS CONVENED.

U.S. AMBASSADOR WILLIAM SCRANTON SAID LAST WEEK THAT IT
WOULD HELP ANGOLA'S CHANCES IF THERE WERE EVIDENCE THAT CUBAN
TROOPS WERE BEING SUBSTANTIALLY WITHDRAWN FROM THAT COUNTRY.

A FURTHER FACTOR, ACCORDING TO DIPLOMATIC OBSERVERS, IS
THAT THE REPUBLICAN NOMINATING CONVENTION NOW IS OUT OF THE
WAY.